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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 382
By Winningham

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Norman C. Acres on his
50 years as a member of the American Legion.

WHEREAS, the American Legion, consisting of approximately 3,025,000 members and
15,000 local groups, is one of this nations most exemplary organizations, sponsoring the
popular American Legion baseball program, a national high school oratorical contest, children's
services, and National Education Week; and

WHEREAS, the Legion was founded in 1919 by a group of dedicated veterans of World
War I that included a famous Tennessean, Senator Luke Lee; and

WHEREAS, one of our most distinguished veterans, Norman C. Acres, recently
celebrated his fiftieth anniversary as a member of the American Legion; and

WHEREAS, a native of Oneida, Mr. Acres graduated from Draughons College, with a
degree in accounting; the University of Tennessee, with a Certificate of Banking and attended
UT's Tennessee Executive Program; and graduated from the Louisiana State University School
of Banking; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Acres served in the infantry in the European Theater of Operations
and was wounded in Germany. He served bravely from August 23, 1944 to June 25, 1945; and

WHEREAS, for his gallant service, he received the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantry
Badge, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with the Bronze Star, the
American Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal; and

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WHEREAS, after his noble service, he served admirably as a criminal investigator for the Eighth Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, an excellent representative of the Volunteer State, Mr. Acres serves expertly as president of the Scott County Cancer Society, as a member of the Advisory Board of First National Bank, as chairman of the Oneida Vocational School Advisory Board, on the Tennessee Coal Safety Committee, as chairman of the Scott County Hospital Board of Directors, as director of the Mountain Peoples Health Clinics, which he helped organize, as chairman of the Scott County Hospital Ethics Committee, and as a life member, past president and the only person to be elected to all offices of the Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads; and

WHEREAS, he served energetically and successfully as commander of American Legion Post 136, as director and treasurer of the Tennessee Oil and Gas Association for 17 productive years, as Scott County Coroner for 23 years, as president and director of the Scott County Chamber of Commerce, as Scout Master of Troop 136 in Oneida, as president and director of the Mid County Fire Department which he helped organize, as a Scott County Veteran Service Officer and as a member of the Scott County Election Commission; and

WHEREAS, he is married to Pauline Acres, and this fine couple has 7 children, Arthur J., Paula Kaye, Linda Louise, Tammie Annette, Dillas Carroll, Barbara Carroll, and Jimmy Carroll. They are the proud grandparents of Lana Huddleston, Courtney Burchfield and Katelyn Burchfield; and

WHEREAS, the Acres evince their strong faith as members of the Huntsville First Baptist Church, where he serves as a Deacon; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to recognize this fine citizen of our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-
HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Norman C. Acres and wish him well in his
future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.